

## **ITEM 7 - Action**

July 18, 2007

### Approval of the Establishment of a Regional Taxicab Regulators Task Force

#### **Staff**

**Recommendation:** Adopt Resolution R1-2008 to establish the TPB Regional Taxicab Regulators Task Force with the attached mission statement.

**Issues:** None

**Background:** At the June 20 meeting, the Board was briefed on this request for the establishment of the TPB Regional Taxicab Regulators Task Force and mission statement. During the past year, taxicab regulatory staff from jurisdictions and agencies in the Washington region have been meeting on an ad hoc basis to share information and discuss common taxicab regulation issues. The group has requested that it be given formal status as a task force of the TPB.

**NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD  
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**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE REGIONAL TAXICAB REGULATORS TASK FORCE**

**WHEREAS**, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), which is the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Washington Region, has the responsibility under the provisions of Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Area; and

**WHEREAS**, SAFETEA-LU calls for MPO's to involve private transportation providers in the planning process; and

**WHEREAS**, taxicab regulations for the jurisdictions in this region differ and this can affect what taxi service is available to residents and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, while some jurisdictions in the Washington region have developed reciprocity agreements that allow a cab to pick up a customer in a jurisdiction other than it's home jurisdiction, no regional agreement exists; and

**WHEREAS**, representatives of taxicab regulators from the District of Columbia and other major jurisdictions have been meeting since 2005 on an ad hoc basis to exchange information and to discuss items of mutual interest; and

**WHEREAS**, this ad-hoc group representing taxicab regulators wished to have more structure and approached TPB staff in October 2006 about forming a regional task force; and

**WHEREAS**, TPB staff helped organize four meetings of the group (on November 16, 2006, January 18, 2007, March 15, 2007 and May 17, 2007) and assisted in drafting the attached mission statement; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPB received a briefing on the proposed mission statement for a Regional Taxicab Regulators Task Force on June 20, 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the task force is to: 1) encourage close cooperation and sharing of information between municipal and county taxicab regulators in the National Capital region and to work to resolve common problems and 2) explore the possibility of developing standards to improve the quality of service for taxicab customers in their respective jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, the membership of the task force will include representatives of local,

regional or state taxicab regulating agencies from both TPB member and non-member jurisdictions, and the task force will be chaired by a representative from one of these agencies and will rotate between a representative for the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD authorizes the establishment of a Regional Taxicab Regulators Task Force with the attached mission statement.

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## **MISSION STATEMENT FOR THE TPB REGIONAL TAXICAB REGULATORS (RTR) TASK FORCE**

### **Mission**

The mission of the Regional Taxicab Regulators Task Force is to:

- Encourage close cooperation and sharing of information between municipal and county taxicab regulators in the National Capital region and to work to resolve common problems; and
- Explore the possibility of developing standards to improve the quality of service for taxicab customers in their respective jurisdictions.

### **Goals**

1. Develop a regional reciprocity agreement that will be distributed widely within participating jurisdictions for review and possible adoption;
2. Discussion and exchange of ideas among government officials concerning the regulation of taxicabs;
3. Coordination of efforts to improve the regulatory framework of taxicabs; and
4. Coordination with the TPB Private Providers Task Force and the TPB Human Services Transportation Coordination Task Force to strengthen the alliance between public and private interests.

### **Membership**

Task force members represent the local, regional or state taxicab regulating agencies from TPB member jurisdictions. All regulators within the TPB planning area are welcome to be members of the task force. Taxicab regulating agencies from jurisdictions outside of the TPB planning area are also encouraged to participate. Task Force meetings are open to the public. Proposed task force members are regulators from the jurisdictions or agencies:

#### **Jurisdictions**

Arlington County  
City of Alexandria  
City of Falls Church  
District of Columbia  
Fairfax County  
Frederick County  
Loudoun County  
Montgomery County

Prince George's County  
Prince William County

#### **Agencies**

Maryland Public Service Commission  
Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority  
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit  
Commission

Participating Jurisdictions or Agencies Outside of the TPB Planning Area:

Anne Arundel County  
Baltimore-Washington International Airport  
City of Annapolis

**Governance**

Governance of this task force will follow standard TPB protocols. The task force will be established by TPB and it will report to the TPB. It will meet every other month, or as needed. A chair will be selected by the task force. The chair will serve a one-year term and the chair position will rotate between representatives from the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia.